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## CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNED

### Laurence G. Peak Lost in Suit Against E. M. Taubman.

### MOVED FOR NEW TRIAL

### Divorce Mill Turns Out Decrees—Court Will Meet Again January 4 to Finish Docket.

Saturday morning after being out fifty minutes the jury in the Peak-Taubman suit returned a verdict for the defendant on both counts. The speaking was finished at 6:30 Friday afternoon after addresses to the jury by Horace Blackwell and Jas. Reed for the plaintiff and Alex Graves and L. C. Boyle for the defendant. The case was given to the jury Friday night, but adjournment was made until Saturday morning without any attempt to reach a verdict. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock the jury retired to the jury room and at 9:50 brought in the verdict.

This case was different from the two former ones in which Laurence G. Peak was involved, in that his innocence was not questioned and his reputation was not at stake. The suit was for \$60,000 on the ground of slander and the plaintiff undertook to show that E. M. Taubman had made slanderous statements concerning him to Robert Wilson and George M. Vaughan.

Considerable interest of course was manifested in the case, but nothing like that at the two former ones. There was no difficulty at all in securing a seat during the speaking.

The jury consisted of the following: Elmer Duerbert, Geo. Miller, Amos Groom, Henry Liese, Joe Legg, J. H. Kneek, Wm. Barnes, Henry Bock, Wood Brown, H. H. Horstman, Ernest Williamson, D. B. Flzer. The attorneys for the plaintiff were Wm. Aull, Horace Blackwell and Jas. A. Reed; for the defendant Alex Graves, Chas. Lyons, Wm. H. Chiles and L. C. Boyle.

The divorce proceedings took up most of the circuit court's time Saturday. Decrees were granted in the cases of Addie Craddock vs. Lee Craddock, Lillie Mills vs. Fred Mills, Allen Snyder vs. Edward T. Snyder, Mary Scott vs. L. C. Scott, Wm. Harlin vs. Ada Hardin, Henry Gant vs. Rosa Gant, Chas. J. Burton vs. Georgia Burton, Caroline Toeteman vs. Frederic A. Toeteman, Della Gordon vs. Walter Haydon and John Saunders vs. Anna B. Saunders. Laurence G. Peak filed a motion for a new trial in his case against E. M. Taubman.

In the matter of Isabelle V. Peak vs. Frances M. Rushet al sale reported and John E. Burden al attorney's fee of \$250.00.

The court adjourned until January 4, 1909.

### Exciting Runaway.

As Sam Goodwin, a miner, was driving up College street Monday afternoon, the horse which he was driving became frightened at something in the road and started to run. In front of the residence of Joseph Chinn, Goodwin lost control of the horse but succeeded in stopping it near the Page home about half way up the street. The horse stopped and Goodwin got out, but when he attempted to climb into the vehicle again the horse again became frightened and bolted for the second time. Goodwin was thrown out and sustained bad body bruises. His condition is not considered serious.

The editors of the INTELLIGENCER have many reasons for feeling merry this Christmas. By no means the smallest is the fact that their genial, kind and sympathetic friend, Gustav Baerle, Tuesday sent around his emissary with beautiful gifts expressive of his good will and generosity. The contents of the packages received will make elegant flavoring for mince pie and Christmas pudding, but to speak of their medicinal value. The publishers are grateful to Mr. Baerle. Moreover they wish him prosperity and happiness in accord with this holiday season.

Rev. A. E. Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma spent part of the week here on business.

### Mrs. Sarah Ball Dead.

Mrs. Sarah A. Ball, one of the oldest residents of Lexington, died suddenly Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock at her home on Main street of acute indigestion, complicated with heart failure. According to her daughter, Miss Mary Ball, she seemed to be feeling unusually well Sunday and was in a very cheerful mood when they retired Sunday night. Mrs. Ball called to her daughter about three o'clock Monday morning and told her that she was suffering acute pain. A physician was summoned immediately, but Mrs. Ball lived but a hour and a half after she was stricken.

Mrs. Sarah A. Ball was born April 14, 1829, and would have reached her 80th milestone had she lived until next April. Her birthplace is located in Kentucky and Mrs. Ball spent the early years of her life in that state. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGrew, her maiden name being Miss Sarah McGrew. The McGrew family came to Missouri in the early '30's and located in Lexington. Here she was united in marriage to Samuel Ball Sept. 24, 1851, her husband dying in 1869. Mrs. Ball is survived by one half brother, A. B. Robinson of Sedan, Kansas, and two daughters—Mrs. Charles Brubaker of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Miss Mary Ball of this city, with whom she lived.

Mrs. Ball lived a quiet, unostentatious life and consequently had only a limited circle of acquaintances. But all who knew her testify that she was a most lovable character and a true type of the unselfish Christian. She was kind and gentle and dear to all who knew her. A life-long member of the Baptist church, she was ever ready to perform the duties assigned by the Master. Hers was a beautiful life and her loss will be keenly felt.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in Maplelawn.

### Gospel Army Post

Maj. and Mrs. Bradley, Capt. Davis and Miss Mable Bradley, a 13 year old Evangelist singer, of the Gospel army are holding nightly street meetings in Lexington and intend to establish a regular post here.

"I can not see why," said Maj. Bradley, "Lexington should not maintain such a post. There is necessarily a large number in this city who are out of the reach of churches. If we can get the help that we expect we shall remain here permanently."

Efforts are being made for securing a hall and furnishing it. Anyone willing to help with furniture of any kind or money is requested to communicate with Maj. Bradley, care general delivery. What is received will be used in Lexington alone.

### Blue Lodge Elects Officers.

Lexington Lodge No. 149 A. F. and A. M. held its annual election of officers Monday. Those chosen were:

H. G. Gelzer W. M., M. C. McFaddin S. W., W. J. Bandon J. W. H. Sinauer Secy., L. C. Yates Tr. The following were appointed by Mr. Gelzer: G. C. Marquis S. D., F. Lee Wallace J. D., J. O. Coffin S. S., W. T. Wernawag J. S., Geo. Hutchison Tiler.

### A Long Span.

The Bell Telephone company Monday completed work on its new wire across the river. The old tower was overturned during the flood last June and a new one had to be erected. The span now is 3,300 feet long, one of the longest that the company has.

The publishers of the INTELLIGENCER received their first real, strong intimation that Christmas was at hand Tuesday when William Davis, ambassador extraordinary of that renowned dignitary, William Palmer, came into the office presenting tidings of good cheer and greetings of the season from his superior. Monday the coal in the bin ran short and the fires in the office stoves went low, so that there was danger of illness taking hold on the force. But Mr. Palmer by his timely act of kindness has furnished a preventive labelled, "O. F. C."

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henry and their daughter, Virginia, left Thursday morning for a trip to Olathe, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ardinger went to Louisiana Thursday morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Ardinger's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Graham and their little daughter, Marcia, left Thursday morning for a short trip to Mexico, Mo.

### Mrs. Wittenberg Entertains.

Mrs. Geo. Wittenberg delightfully entertained at 7 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at Mrs. M. D. Frazier's in honor of Mr. C. M. Truex and Miss Madge Nicholson, who were married Wednesday evening. The dining room was handsomely decorated, the prevailing color being pink and white. The table decorations were cut glass, hand painted china and solid silver. The center piece was a cut glass vase filled with bride's roses and ferns. Pink and white ribbon extended from a wedding bell attached to the chandelier to the plate of the prospective bride and groom who sat at each side of the hostess.

The dinner was served in six courses. Relishes were: Pine apple fritters, nut salad on lettuce leaves, smothered chicken with dressing, french peas, saratoga chips, strawberry preserves, watermelon, sweet pickles, cucumber pickles, cream cheese, salted almonds, pink and white cake with Metropolitan cream and mints.

The guests of honor were Miss Madge Nicholson, C. M. Truex, H. E. Truex, Mrs. Lucy Yates, Master Eldon Truex, Mrs. Rachel Truex and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wittenburg. All present did justice to the bountiful repast spread before them and left with pleasant memories of the evening and many congratulations to the bride and groom. Mrs. Wittenburg presented the bride with the beautiful roses.

Jim Boulware was Santa Claus Wednesday. He did not wear the long, white whiskers; but he had an expressive smile on his countenance when he delivered a neat looking package at the Intelligencer office. His was not the only smile; for that package contained several smiles from the manufactory of I. W. Harper and came with the compliments of the season from G. P. Hammer, owner and proprietor of the establishment on Ninth and Main. Mr. Hammer is a good citizen and a gentleman of perception. "He is hereby thanked and wished a glorious time during the holidays."

Charles Toebeier came in Tuesday to spend the holidays with his family. He brings some wonderful stories of what is being raised in Colorado in the way of grain, fruit and truck. He has some fine specimens of oats on exhibition and a piece of paper three feet long which he says represents the circumference of a turnip raised on his place. He is, however, glad to get back among his old friends even for a short time.

### Exchange Mill.

O. O. Willson is now prepared to do an exchange business on liberal terms. Bring your corn in the ear or shelled to his feed store and exchange it for meal chops or chicken feed. Flour given in exchange for corn or wheat. Farmers are urged to call and give him a trial. Opposite City Hall. 12-23tf

### Wilmot's Store Robbed.

Some time Wednesday night, burglars entered the grocery store of John Wilmot. The entrance was made by breaking a window in the rear door. That burglars were after money is evident from the fact that they made no attempt to take merchandise but rifled the two cash registers of their contents, amounting in all to about \$20. The burglars overlooked another drawer which contained \$30 more. The officers have no clue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dyer went to Higginsville Wednesday evening for a brief stay.

Get your Christmas candles, oranges, bananas, nuts, holly, mistletoe, and Christmas trees at Jos. L. Long.

Miss Elizabeth Tussey, who has been visiting relatives near this city, returned to her home in Marshall Thursday morning.

George Weis arrived from Columbia Thursday morning to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Miss Mary Marquis arrived from Corder Thursday morning to spend several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mary Marquis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henry and their daughter, Virginia, left Thursday morning for a trip to Olathe, Kansas.

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### MAYVIEW NOTES.

Frank McFinnis met with a serious accident last Thursday. He was working at the saw mill of Waldo Coffman and his left foot got caught in the saw and was cut nearly off. The surgeon will try to save the foot, but fears he may have to amputate it.

Mrs. Jean Doty of Odesa came down last Thursday to visit Mrs. J. F. Smith for a few days.

Joe Simpson and wife went to Slater last Saturday to be the guests of Mrs. Ellen Tracy.

Lucius F. Weaver and wife of Independence arrived here last Saturday to spend the holidays with their son, Wm. J. As they lived many years in this community they have a hankering and tender feeling for the old homestead and as they drive by reminiscences will crowd thick and fast through their minds of the pleasant and happy days gone by.

Miss Nattie Heidbrink returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Minershagen, of Higginsville.

Ed Bedford transacted business in Higginsville last Monday.

Gordon Graham is a splendid shot, especially out in Colorado. Since coming into his old country he went out the other day with some Nimrods. When the tally was made his score stood 12 shots with three rabbits to show. If they had only been jack rabbits, the kind they have in Colorado, the result would have been different.

Irving Withers was made a Woodman last Saturday night. The team did good work and they handled him nicely and gently. The goat was contrary and in the dumps, however, he did enough to show Irving the kind of material that good deputy sheriffs are made of.

August Kelley and wife of Bates City and Dick Benson of Kansas City were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Ramey last Sunday.

Geo. H. Plattenburg reported sick last Monday and not able to be in his store. Hope his sickness will not be serious.

J. S. Vickers spent last Monday in Higginsville.

Miss Abbie Puckett came in last Thursday from Pineville to visit her parents.

Esquire John W. White has put in time lately watching a hen he has. She goes on the nest every day. Comes off cackling, but fails to leave an egg. Now she wants to set. He says the best place for a hen like that is the pot.

Miss Pollie Schneider came in from St. Louis last Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Thos. D. Williamson went to Kansas City last Saturday and took his son, T. D., with him who busied himself in hunting up old Santa and watching his movements. He came to the conclusion that Santa was all right and would make his rounds in good time to make all boys and girls feel happy.

Hugh Smith and daughter, Eula, took in Kansas City last Saturday. What Miss Eula failed to see was no fault of hers, for she was surely on the alert and feels satisfied there is a Santa.

We wish the editors and all connected with the Intelligencer down to and including the devil a merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

We always had a tender spot in us for the carrier boys on New Years day. We bespeak for them a liberal offering by the patrons of the Intelligencer, remembering that through good weather as well as bad, cold or hot, you received your paper promptly each Saturday through the year.

Elder Downs will preach here next Sunday, Dec. 27. Morning and evening services. On Saturday night he will administer the ordinance of baptism to Guy Green who made a confession a short time ago.

Guy Morrison and Edwin Roberts arrived from Columbia Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Glover Branch arrived from Jefferson City Tuesday evening for a brief stay here on business.

Oscar Andreen was in Kansas City Tuesday.

D. T. Bogle went to Higginsville Tuesday morning on business.

F. R. Davis went to Kansas City Tuesday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. J. W. Bacon left Tuesday for an extended trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. Z. W. Wright went to Kansas City Tuesday for a few days' visit.

### CORDER ITEMS.

Willis Klein, formerly of this place and lately of Slater, was in Corder Sunday.

Arthur McFeeters of Higginsville was here Sunday.

Sydney Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday in Higginsville.

The Roller Skating Rink commenced business this week and a large crowd was in attendance.

E. S. Willis and wife were shopping in Higginsville Monday.

John Wilson of Higginsville was in town Monday.

Miss Byrd Hackley spent Friday and Saturday in Kansas City and Sunday in Slater.

Charlie Haine, who was formerly of Corder and lately of Colorado, arrived here one day this week to make a visit with old friends.

The firm of Schaeperkoetter Bros. sold their stock of general merchandise to Charley Neimen of Higginsville and Will Schryer of Corder Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Davison of Norway, Kansas, is here by the bedside of her father, G. W. Barr, who has been sick for some time in the past.

Mrs. Everett Bassett was shopping in Higginsville Saturday.

Miss Helen Badie returned home from City, Oklahoma, this week where she has been attending school.

H. Schaeperkoetter was in Higginsville Saturday.

Dave Garnett visited in Kansas City this week.

Milton Hefter spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hefter.

Mr. and Mrs. Peachy Rhodes celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary last Saturday evening. Many fine silver presents were received and all enjoyed the evening. The wedding commenced at 4 o'clock and broke up at 10. A fine supper consisting of the following was served at 6 o'clock: Old ham, turkey, salmon croquettes, chicken, oyster salad, celery, pickles, coffee, cranberry ice, frappe, bread, ice cream and the following varieties of cake: Fruit cake, devil's food, angel's food, cocoanut, chocolate, caramels and many others. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards of Elwood, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prigmore of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Enos of Knobnoster, John Wilson and wife of Higginsville, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Carthra, Misses Alice and Roma Rhodes of Sweet Springs, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Beal, James Corder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Vanmeter, Geo. Armstrong and wife, James Jackson and family, B. T. Vanmeter and family, Mrs. Oliver Vanmeter, Mrs. Sallie Vanmeter, R. E. Corder and wife, John Woodruff and wife of Lexington, Robt. Gaines, Mrs. Mattie Edwards and son, Henry, and daughter, Mary, Mrs. Della Edwards and son, Houston, Bud Corder and family and Mrs. G. W. Marquis and son, Claude, of Lexington.

### Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Traders Bank of Lexington, Mo., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting, will be held in the banking room of Traders Bank in Lexington, Mo., on Monday, January the fourth, 1909, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon. W. G. McCausland, President. J. G. Crenshaw, Secretary. 12-19f3

### Furniture at a Bargain.

I bed room suit, 1 set oak dining room chairs, 1 wardrobe, 1 walnut center table, 1 Moquette Brussels carpet practically new, 2 rocking chairs, 1 Jewel range nearly new. Other articles too numerous to mention.

All the above is as good as new and will be sold cheap. Call phone 611 or see Jno. P. Gordon. 12-12tf

Capt. and Mrs. Fred Day and their three children returned Monday evening from a brief stay in Kansas City.

Max Wallace returned to Kansas City Tuesday after a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Wallace here.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Gordon and their daughter, Miss Leonora, left Tuesday for a trip of a week to St. Louis.

### Truex-Nicholson.

One of the prettiest weddings of the year occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nicholson on West South street Wednesday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Madge, was united in marriage to Rev. Chester Morrison Truex of Sedalia, Missouri. The wedding was simple in conception, but every detail was attended to perfectly.

The house was decorated with holly and Christmas bells in accordance with the season and under the door between the west parlor and the hall was a large bower, under which the bride and groom stood during the ceremony.

There were fifty guests assembled in the parlor when the time for the wedding arrived. Before the ceremony Miss Mary Lillian Atkinson sang "O, Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." Miss Florida Stier of Kansas City played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal party entered and Annie Laurie during the ceremony. The service was performed by Rev. Harvey E. Truex, pastor of the Baptist church of Mexico, Missouri, a brother of the groom, assisted by Rev. R. T. Mansfield, pastor of the Baptist church of this city.

The bride looked unusually beautiful in a handsome traveling suit of tan broadcloth with hat and gloves to match. The groom wore conventional black. There were no attendants.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nicholson and has grown to womanhood in this city. Personally talented and attractive yet thoroughly unselfish, she is without doubt one of the most estimable young women of whom Lexington can boast. She has always been an active worker in every department of the Baptist church and is therefore ideally suited for the life which she is just entering.

The groom is one of the prominent Baptist ministers of the state. He was formerly pastor of the church at Clinton, but he is now assistant editor of the Central Baptist and has charge of its Sedalia office. He is held in high esteem by all who know him and is worthy of his excellent bride.

Light refreshments were served, and, after receiving congratulations and best wishes from the guests, Mr. and Mrs. Truex left at the 7:15 for their home in Sedalia.

### Miss Loomis' Recital.

The pupils of Miss Carrie Loomis gave their annual Christmas recital Monday evening at her studio on Franklin street. The program was not long and was very well received by the small crowd which was present. About half the pupils of Miss Loomis participated and all acquitted themselves creditably. Among those who deserve special mention are Misses Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Petach and Myron Gaffin. Master William Loomis, the youngest performer on the program, was given considerable applause. Miss Loomis, who studied all last summer in Colorado, has mastered the Leschetizky method, which she is now using in the instruction of her pupils. Miss Loomis played several pieces in her usual talented manner. The program follows:

### PART I.

Duet-Les Chasseurs A Cheval.....Smith  
.....Misses Meierer and Loomis.  
Solo-Lichnerette.....Geibe  
Miss Marian Barnard.  
Solo-Philopaea.....Lange  
Solo-The Fountain.....Bohm  
Miss Elizabeth Petach.  
Solo-Angels Dream, Op. 47.....D'Orse  
Miss Genevieve McNamara.  
Solo-In the Time of Apple Blossoms, Waltz.....Metzler  
Miss Ruby Wright.  
Duet-Polka Rondo.....Klein  
Misses Petach and Gaffin.

### PART II.

Solo-Playful Kittens.....Lawson  
William Loomis.  
Solo-Bubbling Spring.....Rive-King  
Miss Mary Taylor.  
Violin-Fifth Air Variet.....Dancila  
Mr. Albert Loomis.  
Solo-Titania.....Waly  
Miss Marie Bishop.  
Solo-a Prelude in C minor.....Rachmaninoff  
b. Arabesque, Op. 45.....Lechetizky  
Miss Carrie Loomis.  
Duet-Steepie Chase.....Fink.  
Misses Taylor and Bishop.

Ed Aull was in Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Miss Florida Stier of Kansas City arrived Tuesday evening to attend the Truex-Nicholson wedding.